



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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Zonal Positions

Geoff Allen - Delegate

John Tredrea - Secretary

COMING EVENTS

GNOT Qualifying (Townsville)
March 3, 4

Saturday Pairs
March 10, 17, 24

Easter Congress, Cairns
30 March - 2 April

Bridge for Brains
May 3

Novice Pairs
May 12

Barrier Reef Congress Townsville
14-18 May 2018

VISIT BY JOAN BUTTS

Joan Butts will conduct a session for prospective teachers of Bridge and those interested in the teaching process on Tuesday, 20 March. This is funded by the ABF and QBA and can lead to accreditation as a Teacher for those interested.

The following day Joan will conduct a lesson on DEFENSIVE PLAY which will last about 2 1/2 hours. All are welcome to attend. The cost will be \$10 per person (The Club will be subsidising the remaining cost of Joan's lesson)

There are sign-up sheets on the notice board.

BRIDGE CLUB PR

The Committee has been taking some steps to get the Bridge Club, and in particular the new series of beginners lessons, more widely known.



Display matches were played at the 'Active Living for Seniors' expo and the display board created for the event can be used for future activities

The Club now has a banner which received its first outing on the fence at the corner of Anderson Park.



Information about the lessons was sent to various media outlets for inclusion in community notices sections. Michael Clark gave us a good plug on Radio National

... AND THE PR IS WORKING

A typical Tuesday morning with Clive's beginners, Fay's improvers, and Del and Beth doing supervised play.



BARRIER REEF CONGRESS REPORT

With only 11 weeks to go until the Congress starts, the major infrastructure items are in place (venue, directors, courtesy bus, website, sponsors, accommodation guide, venue layout) and entries have started to come in – 14 teams have already nominated. Check out the details via the link on the front page of the club's website.

4 of Australia's top players / teachers (Justin Mill, Peter Hollands, Laura Ginnan and Malcolm Carter) have agreed to give half hours talks on the Tuesday morning.

The preparation has reached the stage now where the planning committee will be very reliant upon the support of all our club members. We are looking for –

- Members to help with the dealing of the boards – it is estimated we will need 100 boxes of 28 boards (2800 decks of cards to be dealt),
- Members to help with the assembly of the personal score booklets – (280 for the teams and 280 for the pairs),
- Non Congress playing Members to help print and collate the hand records (2,400 for the teams, 2,400 for the pairs and 200 for the Walk in Pairs),
- Waste Paper baskets / bins (about 40),
- Plastic side tables / stools (about 40),
- Card Tables – (about 20),
- Members to assist with biscuits / snacks for the visiting players,
- Members to act as Caddies at the Congress,
- Members to take the lunch orders each morning of the Congress,
- Members to help tidy the playing venue each evening, and
- A lot of people to help set up the playing area on the Monday morning and to take it all away on the Friday afternoon.

John Tredrea
Tournament Organizer
Barrier Reef Congress - 2018

RANKING PROMOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

John Tredrea – Grand

Felicity Horne – National *

Robert Mischlewski – Local **

Robyn Green – Local *

Ann Smith – Local *

Griffin Bancroft – Local*

Doreen Lambeth – Graduate

Dirk Martin Zeilinga - Graduate

POETS CORNER

Margaret Foster has been documenting important points in the history of the Townsville Bridge Club for some time and it seems a pity that these significant events are lost to newcomers to the Club. So here is one from the archives.

THE WINE CORK IN THE CEILING

To contemplate the ceiling and the bottle there depicted
With the cork firmly embedded, its movements now restricted
To quell disbelieving glances
I'll outline the circumstances
And I truly hope that you enjoy my story.

'Twas on the eve of Anzac Day in 1993
We were at the Townsville Bridge Club for celebratory afternoon tea
To honour fallen heroes of the wars
Perhaps the Anzac biscuits supplied by Cecily
By their very presence inspired the bubbly
No doubt the spirit of the Anzacs was the cause.

The food and drink was flowing
We were really getting going
Then a most fitting tribute
A single shot salute
Reminiscent of Gallipoli's campaign

The cork it left the bottle
There was no time to throttle
Its upward trek – it had enormous thrust
In the ceiling it embedded
Brian firmly grasped the bottle – and he blushed.

It was not his intention
To be the centre of attention
And I know he felt a perfect clown
As every eye was raised in query
That vaulted Newton theory
That – that which hurtles skyward must come down.

**WELCOME TO REJOINING
MEMBERS**

Robbo Harrison
Bernice Morton

And to Temporary Member

Patricia Larsen

SOME RECENT RESULTS

Thursday Pairs

Betty Hobdell
Diana McAlister
Geoff Allen

2018 Gold Coast Bridge Congress

(In looking at these results it is helpful to know that there were 190 pairs in the open pairs, 55 in the seniors section, 95 in the novice section and 226 teams in the open teams.)

Lesley Rooney and Helen Clayton 3rd in the Bobby Richmond Seniors pairs

Di and High McAlister 15th in the A section of the Bobby Richmond Open pairs

Anne Smith and Robyn Green 3rd in the Bobby Richmond Novice C section

Margie Toogood and John Toogood 7th in the Bobby Richmond Novice pairs qualifying

John Tredrea, Robyn Nolan, M. Allan, K. Cupples – 25th in the Teams Championship and took out the prize for the best Queensland team.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Bishop
David North
Leigh Owens
Margie Toogood
Jillanne Dillon
Beth Whebell
Bill Redhead
Marie Stabler

Happy birthday also to anyone with a birthday this month who has been missed, If you would like your birth month added to the list, please contact the editor
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Major Sponsor



We have established a major partnership with **Escape Travel Townsville**, who is willing to offer sponsorship in the form of a “Kickback” to the club of travel rewards. This is available on bookings made and paid for by our members, their family, friends and associates from other clubs. This means that at the end of each quarter the Club will receive travel vouchers that can be raffled for prizes to assist with our fundraising efforts.

All you have to do is contact **Escape Travel Townsville** on **07 4722 5000** mention that you are a member of the Townsville Bridge Cub (or an associate of the Club) when making the booking, for the club to receive the “Kickback” rewards. This will apply to ALL bookings for club business and your leisure travel booked through **Escape Travel Townsville** even if you live in other parts of the country we can still receive the benefits if you just follow the steps above.